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**FOCUS**

Australia board to ‘seriously consider’ four-day Tests: CEO

Australias cricket board will “seriously consider” playing four-day Tests, joining a global push to reinvent the game’s longest form.

Australia Cricket chief executive Kevin Roberts said the governing body was weighing the numbers and would look to make a decision in the “medium term”.

“The fact that the sport has got to seriously consider. It is something that can’t be dismissed by any means. If it got to be done, I think it’s something we’ve got to look at very, very carefully and I think perhaps it’s not in the next few years,” Roberts said.

“Tests have been played over five days through most of their 36-year history but four-day matches were given the green light by the International Cricket Council (ICC) in December 2019.”

Australia played the first four-day Test since 1995 when they hosted Zimbabwe at Port Elizabeth in November 2019. The match did not finish.

Roberts said Australians would look for consensus on four-day Tests among the other major countries that play the game.

What we absolutely are committed to doing, along with the ICC and all of the ICC members, is to get a healthy balance between all those dimensions,” he said.

“Six is certainly saying a lot, what we are saying is it’s really important to look at it in full.”

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South Africa's Aiden Markram has been ruled out of the rest of the England series after fracturing his hand in the first three-Test series.

“South Africa played the first Test in the UK last week, which was cut short by Covid-19 cases in the team, and the second Test is the current encounter.”

Markram was hit by a Mitchell Starc ball on Sunday, and was ruled out of a few days later, as well.

From the cricket side, the department has been busy with the New Zealand squad as well.

Markram was awarded a CBE earlier this year, becoming the first New Zealand cricketer in 25 years to receive the honour.

South Africa announced yesterday (Opening feminine) that they would be playing the first Test against South Africa at Newlands in Cape Town on January 3.

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Calvert-Lewin double gives Everton 2-1 win at Newcastle

Everton striker Dominic Calvert-Lewin bagged a brace on his return from injury as the Toffees beat struggling Newcastle United 2-1 at St James’ Park on Monday evening.

Calvert-Lewin was ruled out of Everton’s 2-0 victory over Tottenham Hotspur last Sunday with a hamstring injury but trained with the squad on Monday and, after a run of four straight home games without a goal being scored at Goodison Park, the 24-year-old made a welcome return.

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Calvert-Lewin was the visitor ahead of the 115th minute, swapping the boot of a loanee from Watford Callum Hudson-Odoi.

Calvert-Lewin looked at ease and before Fabian Schär volleyed in a 56th-minute equaliser, parting Jóhannískelófdur and Andy Carroll’s net, Calvert-Lewin breezed in to the alternative’s path.

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Man of the Match. Balogun and Zouma are two of the very best defenders in the world. If we can get them to lift our game, we will become a much tougher side.

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Although heavy losses to Liverpool and Manchester City have taken some of the shine off their title push, Villa boss Dean Smith remains confident of their ability to compete for the top four.

"The team is still very much alive in the title race," Smith said. "We have had some tough draws recently, but we are still in the mix. I believe we can beat anyone on our day."

TOULOUSE

Unbeaten to last season's trio of runners-up Montpellier, Toulouse staged a late comeback to rescue a 2-2 draw at home to Montpellier in their previous match. Their confidence will be high after a solid start to the season.

Wolverhampton Wanderers' Matt Doherty celebrates scoring the winner against Manchester City on Friday night.

Manchester City's Sterling celebrates scoring their second goal against the Wolves on Friday night.

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Leicester's Jamie Vardy celebrates scoring the second goal against Manchester United.

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Kyle Connor scored twice for the Jets, who lost for the fifth time in seven games. Ovechkin assisted on the win

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No shortage of drama in Seahawks-49ers showdown

By Codies Walker

Two teams ranked in the Top 5 in the NFC West for much of the season, the Seattle Seahawks and San Francisco 49ers are headed into a game that could define their seasons.

The Seahawks have won three NFC West titles and have made the playoffs for the past six seasons. The 49ers have won their division three times in the last five seasons and are coming off a 20-17 win over the Los Angeles Rams last week.

The two teams meet for the first time this season on Sunday at CenturyLink Field in Seattle. The winner will likely secure a playoff berth and a potential home game in the first round of the postseason.

The matchup will feature two of the best young quarterbacks in the NFL, with Seattle's Russell Wilson and San Francisco's Jimmy Garoppolo both coming off strong performances in Week 15.

Wilson, who was named NFC Offensive Player of the Week, threw for 317 yards and three touchdowns in a 31-21 win over the Arizona Cardinals. Garoppolo, meanwhile, had 334 yards and two touchdowns in a 24-15 victory over the New York Giants.

The game will also feature a battle of two of the most dynamic running backs in the league, as Seattle's Chris Carson and San Francisco's Raheem Mostert both rushed for over 100 yards in their respective games last week.

The Seahawks are coming off a dominant win over the Cardinals, which saw Wilson throw for 317 yards and Carson run for 118 yards. The 49ers, on the other hand, were held to just 127 rushing yards against the Giants, with Mostert leading the way with 95.

Both teams are coming off losses in their previous games, with the Seahawks dropping a 41-24 decision to the Cardinals and the 49ers falling 21-15 to the Giants.

Despite the losses, both teams still have a shot at making the playoffs, with Seattle currently holding the second seed in the NFC and San Francisco currently in third.

The winner of this game will likely secure a playoff berth and a potential home game in the first round of the postseason, while the loser could still have a shot at making the playoffs with some help from other teams.

The game is set for a 1:00 p.m. ET kickoff on Sunday and will be broadcast on Fox.

Sports

Ravens evoke teams from the deep past as they chase record

By Larry Stone

The Baltimore Ravens have a chance to make history this Sunday when they face the San Francisco 49ers in an NFL duel that could lives forever in the realm of mythical legend.

In just their 20th season, the Ravens have already made a name for themselves as one of the NFL's most successful franchises, having won the Super Bowl in 2012 and appeared in three other championship games.

But with a chance to break the record set by the 1985 New England Patriots, who went 14-0-0 and 9-0-0 in the playoffs, the Ravens have the opportunity to write their own chapter in NFL history.

The Patriots' 14-0-0 record was achieved in the 1985 season, with the team finishing with a 14-0-0 record in the regular season and 9-0-0 in the playoffs.

The Ravens, who have already won six playoff games, need to win one more to equal the Patriots' feat.

The team's success has been built on a solid defense, with 308.6 yards allowed per game and 27.7 points per game, ranking first and second in the NFL, respectively.

On offense, the Ravens have a balanced attack, with 259.1 yards gained per game and 20.4 points per game, ranking third and tenth in the NFL, respectively.

The Ravens will face the 49ers, who have a similar record, having won six playoff games and allowing 263.1 yards per game and scoring 21.8 points per game.

The game will be held at the Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, North Carolina, and is set for a 1:00 p.m. ET kickoff on Sunday.

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**Qatar Motorsports Academy celebrates first round of Jessica Challenge**

The Qatar Motorsports Academy (QMA) has celebrated the conclusion of its first women's karting championship at the Academy's Ferrari World Karting Center in Doha. The championship comprised three rounds with a total of 144 children taking part and was held over two weekends in November 2020.

All 128 riders who had been training during the season participated in the championship, which was divided into three categories: Girls (5-8 years old), Girls (9-12 years old), and Boys (9-12 years old).

There was an exhibition with a group of riders in the Barbie category where they performed different technical exercises in front of the public.

In the category of Minimoto 706, there was a Local Kart race to decide who would progress to the National Kart Championship, which was held on Saturday, 20th November. The final round of the competition was held on Sunday, 21st November.

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